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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION DAYTON SOFIA PROGRAM

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1. CONSERVATORY RECTOR AND COMPOSER UNION SECRETARY ALEXANDER RAITCHEV, AT WHOSE INITIATIVE BOTH DAYTON AND KEITH CLARK MUSIC CIRCUS PROGRAMS WERE ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED FOR SOFIA, TODAY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NEITHER CONSERVATORY NOR COMPOSERS UNION COULD RECEIVE DAYTON AS SCHEDULED. HE APOLOGIZED BUT SAID END OF TERM PRE-EXAM ACTIVITY AT CONSERVATORY AND YEAR-END PUSH TO COMPLETE ANNUAL PLAN REQUIREMENTS OF COMPOSERS UNION PRECLUDE PROGRAM AT THIS TIME. SAID HE HOPED PROGRAM COULD BE ARRANGED AT LATER DATE.

2. ALTHOUGH CIRCUMSTANCES RAITCHEV OUTLINED DO INDEED EXIST, DECISIVE ELEMENT IN CANCELLATION MORE LIKELY RELUCTANCE RAITCHEV'S POLITICAL SUPERIORS TO APPROVE AMERICAN CULTURAL PROGRAM NOT ARRANGED "CORRECTLY", E.E., THROUGH FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE.

3. EMBASSY SEES NO VALUE IN PRESSING RAITCHEV TO HONOR COMMITMENT. TO DO SO WOULD PROBABLY NOT BEAR FRUIT AND COULD PREJUDICE FUTURE PROGRAMMING. APPARENTLY IMPROVED U.S.-BULGARIAN RELATIONS AS REFLECTED IN RECENT SUCCESSFUL TRADE DEVELOPMENTS
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